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REACTIONS TO MAY 21 TIMES EDITORIAL

1. IN ITS MORNING LEAD EDITORIAL, THE DAILY GLEANER COMMENTS THAT JAMAICANS MUST FIND IT DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND THE NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL WHICH CALLED FOR UNORTING COUNTRIES TO PROTECT THEMSELVES. GLEANER SAYS THE TIMES IS HIDING THE FACT THAT THE LDCS HAVE FOR DECAFCQ TRIED TO NEGOTIATE COMMODITY AGREEMENTS WITHOUT SUCCESS, AND THAT THERE IS NOT A SINGLE COMMODITY AGREEMENT WHICH GIVES A REALLY FAIR DEAL TO THE LDCS. AS A RESULT, DEVELOPED COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN RAW MATERIALS AT LOW COST WHILE SELLING THEIR MANUFACTURES AT PROFITABLE PRICES. FACED WITH A BOP CRISIS, THE GOJ HAD NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO INCREASE ITS FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS. ALL JAMAICA HAS DONE IS WHAT THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN DOING FOR YEARS -- INCREASE THE PRICE OF EXPORTS SO THAT THEY WILL TURN A PROFIT. GLEANER ASKS, "DOES THE NEW YORK TIMES REALLY THINK THAT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

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COULD HAVE SUPINELY CONTINUED TO SUFFER THE EFFECTS OF ADVERSE

COMMODITY PRICES IMPOSED BY THE USA?"

2. EDITORIAL THEN STATS THAT THE MOVEMENT FOR HIGHER COMMODITY PRICES HAS ONLY STARTED AND THAT ALL EYES ARE ON JAMAICA TO SEE IF IT CAN BUCK THE BAUXITE AND ALUMINA GIANTS. "HOW DARE THE TIMES TO CALL ON IMPORTERS IN THE BIG NATIONS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AGAINST PRODUCER CARTELS IN THE POOR NATIONS, WHEN THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ARE THE FATHERS OF THE WORLD'S STRONGEST CARTELS WHICH HAVE BEEN BLEEDING THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FMI YEARS."

3. COLUMNIST THOMAS WRIGHT AND WILLIAM STRONG IN SAME EDITION OF THE GLEANER STRONGLY SUPPORT THE GOJ CASE.
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